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## FATHERS' CHRISTMAS PLEA

Fathers for Justice created a stir when they protested outside the Cathedral gates on Saturday. The national group was met with a heavy police presence in the precincts. The family law protesters are known for scaling iconic buildings in their bid for rights to see their children. The group, dressed in Father Christmas costumes, were campaigning to "put the father back into Christmas".

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A LACK of civic pride is costing Canterbury tourists, and means lost trade, more vermin and an increased fire risk, according to local organisations and restaurants.

The way rubbish is collected in the city centre has come under fire, along with the sheer volume of waste produced by businesses.

Businesses organise their own waste collection with private contractors. Frequent collections at convenient times can cost more, which means piles of bin-bags are left in streets overnight.

Philippe Esclasse, the city centre manager, said: "This is certainly not up to scratch as far as I am concerned.

"We often have commercial refuse and domestic refuse being put on the highway any time of the day, which gives the wrong impression.

"The Canterbury city partnership is going to look into issues of what I would call civic pride next year and see whether we can entice people to be a little bit more proud of their city."

According to the fire brigade, the rubbish is also providing fuel for arsonists. They have been working with the council to keep rubbish left on the street to a minimum.

Technical fire safety officer, Shawn Hoare, said: "We noticed a dramatic increase in the amount of waste thrown out by shops in the city over the past month.

"So, along with the council, we decided to approach proprietors to highlight the problems

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# Big top setting competes for star billing in panto

CHRIS BRITCHER takes a trip to the big blue tent of Canterbury's Marlowe Arena to catch up with this year's big ticket pantomime – Peter Pan.

PANTOMIME, by its very nature, requires a large dollop of silliness.

But sometimes it can all be a little too much. And, in truth, Marlowe pantomimes of the past have suffered from an excess of daftness.

Not so this year, however, because Peter Pan has flown into a very different Marlowe environment.

Now don't me wrong, silliness is still here in spades – it's just not shovelled on with gay abandon. It's well-timed, well judged, and balanced out with a clearly defined storyline. It's perhaps the best for years.

Oh, and the icing on the cake is a sublime lead role by Ade Edmondson. He sings, he dances, and reminds us how he can be effortlessly funny.

Yet the real star of this show is its setting. A couple of months after the curtain fell on last year's panto, it also fell on the Marlowe Theatre. Work is underway to create its multi-million pound replacement, so this year the pantomime has decamped to a giant blue circus-style big top dubbed the Marlowe Arena.

Now, it would be easy to criticise and poke fun. But the reality is that



**PLENTY OF LAUGHS** : Ben Roddy as Smee with Ade Edmondson as Captain Hook

it makes the whole experience a far more fascinating one. Plenty of staff ensure queues don't get too long, and the whole thing is really quite enchanting.

OK, so the outside toilets are not ideal, but it's a small price to pay for something so, well, fun. And isn't that the whole point?

What's more, this panto is fun in capital letters, with strong lead roles from the quartet of Edmondson, the very likeable Ben Roddy (as Smee), West End starlet Gemma Sutton (as Wendy), and the ubiquitous Dave Lee (as Tinkerbell). Steven Butler does a fine job as Peter and his entrance is quite something. Although it ends up being outdone, remarkably, by the

arrival of a certain piece of wooden furniture...regulars will know exactly what that means.

While Edmondson is magnificent as Captain Hook, it is the balance of this year's production which is really worthy of most praise. The story never drops and every scene drives it along. Paul Hendy doesn't always get it right, but this year he has hit it right on the button.

The result is a classic piece of family theatre which is warm, witty, daft and, yes, silly. But brilliantly so. And the tent is a success.

• Peter Pan runs from now until January 17 with matinee and evening performances. To book tickets ring 01227 787 787. For more details see [www.marlowepeterpan.co.uk](http://www.marlowepeterpan.co.uk).

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Car crash dangers

FIREFIGHTERS will be displaying the dangers of driving this weekend with a car crash demonstration in the centre of Canterbury.

Fire crews will be in Rose Square in Whitefriars between 11am and 12.30pm on Saturday, December 19.

Firemen will show how they cut casualties out of cars which have been involved in accidents, a regular task for firefighters.

### Call to pay parking

MOTORISTS stuck for change can now pay for parking by mobile phone.

The council has signed its car parks up to the RingGo system which allows people to pay by credit or debit card over the phone.

Using the system costs the parking fee plus an extra 20p. Motorists can use the service by calling 01227 802 804 with car and card details.

### Inventor meets PM

THE prime minister has met a Canterbury entrepreneur who's helping make engines greener.

Darryl Watts, of Oil Drum, based at the University of Kent, was invited to a reception at Number 10 on Thursday, December 3.

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# The show goes on after diesel spillage at arena

## Huge clean-up takes two days

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

THE Marlowe Theatre Arena pantomime in Canterbury is now back on after five shows were cancelled because of a diesel spillage.

A massive 60-person, round-the-clock clean-up effort now means the show will go on.

Emily Wood, co-producer of the Peter Pan pantomime, said: "It was a massive clean-up operation. We really went for it. It was the classic British blitz spirit.

"Everyone just mucked in, we got a lot of people in to help. At one point somebody said they thought it would take a week to do it.

"We needed to do it in two days so we threw an awful lot of people and resources at it and managed to do it really fast.

"The cast all offered to come in and help, which was really kind of them, and the crew came in to help as well."

Organisers have said three-quarters of ticket-holders from the sell-out shows have already been accommodated in other performances, and those who are not able to go to the shows in January are being given a full refund.



**BLITZ SPIRIT:** Sixty people worked round the clock to make sure the pantomime was back on as soon as possible

Any loss in revenue is covered by insurance.

The cost of the clean-up operation and replacing the damaged floor is covered by the subcontractors, who supplied the tent, and they are also insured.

The leak happened when a diesel generator used to power the giant marquee's central heating system was being refuelled.

Ms Wood said: "The leak went right underneath the tent and we had to strip a lot of the area and then get the cleaning done and replace it, which was what took so long.

"Diesel is actually quite a safe product, it is not volatile so there was no danger. We just stopped the shows because of the horrible smell."

The incident put a stop to the pantomime on Tuesday, December 8, but the cast were back in high spirits to perform on Friday morning.

Ms Wood said: "The cast have been working so hard with the rehearsals it was actually good for them to have a couple of days off.

"They all came back on Friday and were telling me that it is great to be back."



## CCTV image leads police to attacker

THE attacker of an elderly disabled man has been cautioned after a police CCTV appeal.

The 21-year-old from Sturry kicked 75-year-old Dennis Pullen in the head and stomach after an argument about the younger man's driving.

Mr Pullen has been forthright about his dissatisfaction about how the police handled his case.

The image of Mr Pullen's attacker was released in mid-November, two and a half months after the assault in August, but the image has yielded results and, after a number of useful calls because of the appeal, Kent police were able to track down Mr Pullen's attacker.

The man admitted attacking Mr Pullen, and was cautioned after consultation with the victim.

Mr Pullen, who has progressive lung disease and arthritis of the spine, was set upon by his attacker outside the Sturry Co-op on August 27.

The pensioner has said his attacker had previously pulled out in front of him dangerously at a junction while both were driving.

When they both later stopped at the shop Mr Pullen spoke to the young man about his driving, after which the man kicked him.

## 'Tourists are less likely to come here'

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of leaving such large quantities of rubbish out on the streets.

"As well as posing health and safety issues, masses of rubbish bags tend to attract arsonists and it is these sorts of fires that tend to get out of control."

A spokesman for a well-known restaurant on the high street said: "The rubbish and bin-bags in the high street causes problems in that tourists are less likely to want to come here.

"It affects everybody when the rubbish is left out, especially if the bags are ripped open or anything like that."

The council's executive member for environment Cllr Rosemary Doyle said: "We have written to all businesses in the city centre asking them to arrange for rubbish and recycling collections to take place at the end of each day.

"Currently, many put their rubbish out at night for collection the following morning.

"But with plenty of people using Canterbury for socialising in the evening, the bags often get torn open and the rubbish is redistributed widely across the streets. This then causes a problem with vermin."

## Iceland cash could re-freeze as council given cold shoulder

THE council's chances of clawing back cash from Iceland were dealt a serious blow this week as Glitnir Bank decided it is no longer a preferred creditor.

This means Canterbury council is likely to receive just 25 to 30 per cent of the £2 million it invested, rather than the majority of it as previously expected.

In a statement to Yourcanterbury, council bosses promised the loss would not impact on services.

They have also vowed to fight the decision in the courts through the Local Government Authority.

Jim McDonald, director of corporate services at Canterbury council, said: "The news is incredibly disappointing. It is odd that the winding-up committee for Glitnir has taken a different position from Landsbanki.

"The solicitors working for the local authorities are seeking information for that position and will then look to how to challenge it.

"Canterbury is involved the legal challenges being coordinated by the Local Government Authority, and that

is who we are relying on in terms of seeking to get the position changed.

"We are still hopeful the case is strong enough to get the money back. The position has been that local authorities would be seen as preferred creditors, and on that basis we would be entitled to 100 per cent reimbursement.

"Should the worst come to the worst we have made some provision to cover any loss without it impacting on council tax payers.

"We had some windfall income that we hadn't budgeted for out of a successful claim against customs for some VAT to be returned to us. It would cover in excess of £2 million if we needed it to."

The outlook is somewhat brighter for the £4 million invested in Heritable Bank, a UK institution with an Icelandic parent.

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## Fire service appeal after cooking fires increase

A SPATE of cooking fires has prompted a plea for people to stay safe this Christmas.

The number of deaths and injuries caused by fire increases during the festive period – in 2008 a tenth of the 33,000 accidental house fires in the county happened in the run-up to Christmas Day.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has identified dangers including unattended cooking, drinking, carelessness with cigarettes, candles and overloading electrical sockets.

Recent cooking fires include a blaze at the University of Kent and a man who had to be rescued by a neighbour in Herne Bay after falling asleep.

Head of community safety Stuart Skilton said: "Christmas should be a time of fun and festivity, not tragedy. I urge people to be aware of the increased risk at this time of year and have fire safety at the forefront, so a good time is enjoyed by all without any nasty surprises."

## Council rated as 'good'

A GOVERNMENT website giving access to information about local services has found Canterbury council is performing well.

The authority has a 'good' rating overall. The Oneplace website, launched on December 9, states: "The council is good at identifying what people want and satisfaction levels are among the best in Kent."

But it identifies sickness among staff as an area for improvement. Kent Fire and Rescue also gets a 'good' rating, as do Kent Police. But the local NHS primary care trust scores just two out of a possible four in two categories, and three out of four on the third.

The website, [www.oneplace.direct.gov.uk](http://www.oneplace.direct.gov.uk), was set up by the Audit Commission.

## Fundraisers are on a roll

CANTERBURY witnessed an unusual sight this weekend when sandwich-makers created a 100ft filled baguette for charity.

Staff from Subway made the big bag to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The event is part of a series of fundraisers organised by local man Stefan Scudder after Leon, the son of a close friend, died at the hospital.

The baguette was sliced up and sold to passers-by, whose money went to the children's hospital.

In March 2010 Mr Scudder and his friend Lee Williams plan to climb Everest and leave a photo of Leon at the summit.

# Thousands rallying to museum's cause

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

THE campaign to save Herne Bay Museum has thousands of supporters, according to the group's coordinator.

David Cross, who worked for the council's museum services for 14 years, said: "Everyone has rallied round helping one way or another. We do a stall in the town every Saturday, doling out leaflets and getting people to sign up – and every Saturday so far there have been queues to sign the petitions and pick up leaflets."

"We are into the thousands. All I did right at the start was to drop a spark into the right barrel. It is really an expression of the people of Herne Bay. Whether or not it is true, the perception is that Canterbury has it in for Herne Bay again."

Herne Bay residents have been signing petitions and writing emails and letters to councillors, the Lord Mayor and council officers.

Groups involved in the campaign include Herne Bay Junior School, the sailing club and Herne Bay Improvement Trust.

Mr Cross said: "My position is that you never shut museums because if you do you never get them back again, especially in a small community like Herne Bay which took many, many years to get it opened. I detect some feeling in some parts of the council that museums are not important, that history is some bit of frippery that we can probably do without."

"I think that is a failure of comprehension and to a certain extent a failure of museums to

have met that argument in previous years.

"Our policy is to urge the council to think creatively in order to keep the museums, which I don't think it is doing at the moment."

On December 3 the council's executive learned it is likely to have under-spent by £122,000 by the end of the financial year.

The council is hoping to recoup £112,600 for closing two Canterbury museums and changing the use of the Herne Bay Museum.

A council spokesman said the money not spent this year would not be used to prevent service cuts taking place as it is only an estimated figure and an under-spend of less than 0.5 per cent of the net budget would unfortunately solve little.

The last day to send views about budget proposals to the council is Friday.

## From stubble trouble to smooth operator



ALL thoughts of Sweeney Todd blissfully disappeared as I walked through the doors of Valet, Canterbury's new "barber-shop for the 21st century", writes Gareth Arnold.

It hadn't escaped my notice that I had an appointment with a straight razor in Butchery Lane, yet although the barbers' skill was very much in evidence, these were no demons. On the opening day I joined Kent cricketers and rugby players to experience what director Guy Noble says is Kent's last word in male grooming.

The shop is tastefully minimal with attention to detail evident down to the handmade barbers' chairs. There's no doubt it's aimed at the premium end of the market – a wet shave and haircut won't leave a lot of change from £60.

And grooming options don't stop there. Two treatment rooms offer a range of massages, waxes and pampering packages all aimed at destressing the well-heeled Canterbury gent.

So what was a 'proper' shave like? Despite involving a large, naked blade, the experience was very relaxing. My stubble-strewn face was prepared with hot towels, lotions and a massage, and my barber, Danny, wielded the razor with a confidence and skill that immediately put me at ease.

If you need a moment of calm to escape the Christmas shopping mayhem, a visit to Valet is a good, if expensive, way to both smooth your face and sooth seasonally frayed nerves.

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**JUST CHAMPION:** Graham Holmes's 36-hour charity marathon included squash, cycling and table tennis

# Sports director is unstoppable

A SPORTSMAN spent 36 hours playing sports non-stop for charity.

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

Graham Holmes, the 45-year-old director of sport at the University of Kent, played squash, badminton, table tennis, basketball and cycled to Whitstable and back twice for Cancer Research UK and Hospice Care.

He only took ten-minute breaks for pasta meals to keep him going, and occasional five-minute breathers to eat Mars Bars.

Just before he completed his challenge, Mr Holmes said: "I'm actually feeling surprisingly good. I'm very achy, lots of pains, blisters, bruised toes and things like that, but with half an hour to go I'm pleased to be still in one piece."

And to keep him on his toes, the director of sport was challenged by opponents throughout, including an Olympic badminton player in the last half hour.

Mr Holmes chose to spend 36 hours raising money for charity because that is how long he spent virtually non-stop with his mother just before she died of cancer.

Mr Holmes said: "When I finish I will be elated. It will be a poignant moment because the whole point behind this is my mum. The point where I finish will be the point where my mum drew her last breath. I will be elated, but relieved it's all over."

The Lord Mayor of Canterbury was there to congratulate Mr Holmes when he finished.



**STILL GOING:** Mr Holmes on the badminton and (inset) basketball courts at Kent University

He began his challenge at 6am on December 11, and completed it at 6pm on December 12.

To donate for his fundraising venture, go to [www.justgiving.com/biglittlechallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/biglittlechallenge)

## Striking a blow for injured heroes



CANTERBURY Rugby Club took on the might of the British Army in a match to help raise money for injured servicemen.

Local players tackled a team from Howe Barracks to raise more than £2,000 for the Help for Heroes charity.

After a pre-match welcome from the Argyll and Sutherland Pipes and Drums,

battle commenced in earnest. The Army team played valiantly but the Canterbury XV eventually took the spoils 56-0.

The Army team were all from 5 Scots, part of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The battalion recently returned from Afghanistan and is part of Britain's rapid reaction force.

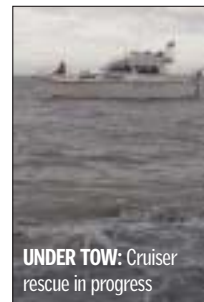
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#### Motor-cruiser refloated

WHITSTABLE lifeboat was called out after a motor-cruiser became stuck on a sandbank.

The 38ft yacht ran aground on the Columbine Spit at the entrance to the Swale channel at about 2pm on Friday.

A crewman landed on the sandbank and walked to the motorboat with a towline. As the tide rose the lifeboat was able to gradually tow the vessel back into deeper water. The cruiser was afloat by just after 3pm and two RNLI crewmen were put aboard to make sure there were no further problems as the motorboat sailed on to Ramsgate.



**UNDER TOW:** Cruiser rescue in progress

#### Friendship has deep roots

A CROSS-Channel friendship has borne fruit for a Canterbury councillor.

Three years ago, Cllr Pat Todd took 100 apple trees to the French villages of Lesboeufs and Morval. Canterbury had helped them after the battle of the Somme by giving fruit trees and other gifts. When Cllr Todd visited in 2006 he found the original trees had died, so sent new ones. The Lord and Lady Mayoress and Cllr Todd went to the villages recently and found the trees had flourished – and that villagers had made 20 apple tarts for them.

#### Go green with car share

STUDENTS are being encouraged to go green this Christmas by sharing lifts home.

The University of Kent is teaming up with car-sharing websites to allow students to save money and protect the environment by using fewer cars on their journeys.

Students without cars can join in by advertising spaces in their parents' cars or finding out whether anyone will drive them home in return for petrol money.

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# Full-time fast rail service promises travel revolution

■ BY ED HILL

MONDAY saw the introduction of the full high-speed rail service to London for Kent.

The 140mph Hitachi Javelin trains will all terminate at St Pancras.

To mark the launch on Monday Dame Kelly Holmes travelled Rochester with transport minister Lord Adonis. The Olympic gold medallist has had one of the trains named after her.

Some towns like Ashford see the new service as vital to their economic and growth plans. The new service means commuters can travel to the capital in 37 minutes from the town. Recent improvements have been made to the

station in time for launch and the trains will be serviced at a new depot built in the town.

Ashford council leader Paul Clokie said: "I am glad that this day has finally arrived. This means we will be able to take Ashford forward to new heights."

However, some towns have lost out in the timetable shake up. Maidstone commuters will now only be able to travel to London Victoria using the old mainline services.

The high-speed service also comes at a price with commuters having to pay a premium. For example, a peak time return from Ashford will cost £48.70, about eight pounds more than the standard fare.

But the new timetable will mean an extra 200 trains will be running across the region and capacity will increase by five per cent.

Transport Secretary, Andrew Adonis said:



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

**ON TRACK:** The full high-speed timetable is now in operation, bringing a long-promised revolution in transport to the county and – it is hoped – many economic benefits in its slipstream

"These fantastic new services, made possible by the Government's investment in this £5.8bn high speed new line, are changing the

transport map of Kent. Journey times have shrunk dramatically, bringing regeneration and new opportunities for investment."

## Bullet trains to shake up the timetable

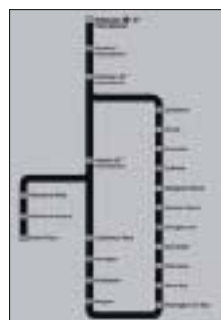
KENT stations will benefit from between three and 12 morning rush-hour services with the arrival of High Speed 1.

The introduction of the 140mph bullet trains has contributed to one of the biggest timetable shake-ups in more than 40 years, with more than 150 stops scheduled every day between 7am and 10am.

As one of the service's main hubs, Ebbsfleet will receive 12 trains during that period while there will be six at each of Medway's five stations as well as at Gravesend, Sittingbourne, Faversham, Margate and Broadstairs.

The new Southeastern timetable – which includes normal mainline services – will provide passengers with more than 200 extra trains per day and boost capacity by five per cent.

However, HS1 fares will increase by about £8 per journey to pay for the technology, adding about £730 to annual season ticket prices. For example, a return ticket from Ashford on HS1 will cost £48.70 compared with £40.60



**SITTING COMFORTABLY:** Inside the Javelin train; the route and, right, a bullet train and regular Southeastern service side by side

on the mainline, and an annual season ticket will cost £4,536 compared with £3,780. Regular commuters are being advised to visit [www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk) to see how the changes affect them.

Managing director Charles Horton said: "We've worked hard over the years with stakeholders to be able to get to this point and this new timetable is very important for Kent."

"It will provide more choice for

passengers, see the full introduction of high-speed services and help us continue to improve performance levels.

"The majority of passengers will see an improvement in services, but as with all timetables compromises have had to be made and not everyone will be satisfied. However, once we've introduced the timetable we will monitor services closely and work with the Department for Transport to

make any adjustments which are necessary."

Ramsgate, Canterbury West, Ashford, Dover and the two Folkestone stations will each receive five morning rush-hour services per day, while there will be three at Whitstable, Herne Bay and Birchington. Maidstone has been left off the high-speed map altogether, but KCC has revealed plans to build a new station in the county town and link it to HS1.

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### High-speed timeline

- December 18, 1996 – Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act passed in Parliament
- September 28, 2003 – Section one of rail link opens between Channel Tunnel and Fawkham Junction, north Kent
- November 14, 2006 – brand name High Speed 1 adopted by London and Continental Railways
- September 4, 2007 – Eurostar runs its first train on HS1 between Paris and St Pancras, in record journey time of 2hr 3min
- October 2, 2007 – Hitachi opens £52m bullet train depot in Ashford
- November 14, 2007 – Section two of rail link opens between Ebbsfleet and St Pancras
- June 29, 2009 – Southeastern launches domestic trial service between Ashford and St Pancras
- September 7, 2009 – Domestic trials expanded to Ramsgate, Canterbury, Dover and Folkestone
- December 13, 2009 – Southeastern launches full domestic HS1 timetable

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LOU GARDNER



**Q** How did you get involved in pole dancing?

**A** When I was a young mum, I had my daughter at 16, I started doing some podium dancing in nightclubs to earn a bit of cash at the weekends.

Then I decided I needed to do something that was a bit more of a proper job. I got my qualification to be an aerobics and fitness instructor but nothing really took my fancy.

The classes were all a bit normal for me so I didn't really get any work doing it. I applied for a job at the local radio station and got a job being a road-runner, and while I was doing the that we went on some pole dancing classes at one of the top gyms in the area.

I signed up to the course and as soon as I did it I knew it was what I wanted to do, because I had already danced on a pole when I was doing the podium dancing anyway. I went off and got qualified and decided I was going to teach and it was going to be my business as a fitness class.

**Q** How long have you been teaching pole dancing?

**A** I am going into my fourth year next year. I started teaching in the Herne Bay Talk of the Town nightclub for an hour or two a week.

Then I went on to doing two nights a week, I got a venue in a gym in Canterbury and one in Ashford, and then a venue in Deal. The gym I was using in Canterbury shut down suddenly

which left me trying to find a new venue, so I decided to open up my own studio in the Wilson Industrial Park.

**Q** What sort of people normally take lessons?

**A** I have got a complete mixture. I have a minimum age of 16 unless parents give permission, and I have 16-year-olds up to 56-year-olds.

I have complete range of ages, shapes, sizes, fitness and abilities, it really is open to anyone. You don't have to have any experience in dancing or gymnastics or anything at all. It really is a very raw style of dance.

I really like it when people haven't had any training because then their own style comes through. It is strictly women though.

I like it to be a girly class. I like it to be sexy; not just a fitness class but a class which promotes women feeling like women.

It's really good for women who may be low on confidence just after they have had children. We wear high heels and I sell a uniform and it is about feeling like a woman and doing exercise, but at the same time feeling sexy.

**Q** Are there benefits from pole dancing?

**A** Absolutely. It's really good for posture and making a woman aware she can move her body in nice ways. Anyone of any shape and size, as long as they can hold themselves, it

can give them an air of confidence and make them aware of their sexuality.

It is good for fitness too. My sister did her dissertation on pole dancing as a form of fitness when she was at university.

Two groups came for two sessions lasting an hour and a half and the difference in their fitness levels afterwards in press-ups, chin-ups and core strength was amazing, it was a massive jump.

So it definitely is tested and proven to increase your strength, flexibility and balance.

**Q** What does it take to be a good pole dancer?

**A** Letting your inhibitions go out of the window and being yourself and finding your own style. Everybody is different, some people are really good at the tricks and the spins and others are better at the dancing. I think anybody can be good at pole dancing. You don't have to have particularly amazing co-ordination or anything like that.

**Q** Tell us about a great move?

**A** There is a trick on the pole called Superman. That is very advanced. You are up on the pole, which is between your legs and you are holding it with your strongest arm, high up behind you. The other arm is out like Superman and your body is dead straight.

Lou Gardiner takes the time to talk to **Jenny Armstrong** about her new pole dancing studio in Chestfield and explains the fitness benefits and confidence boost it can give women of all ages, shapes and sizes.

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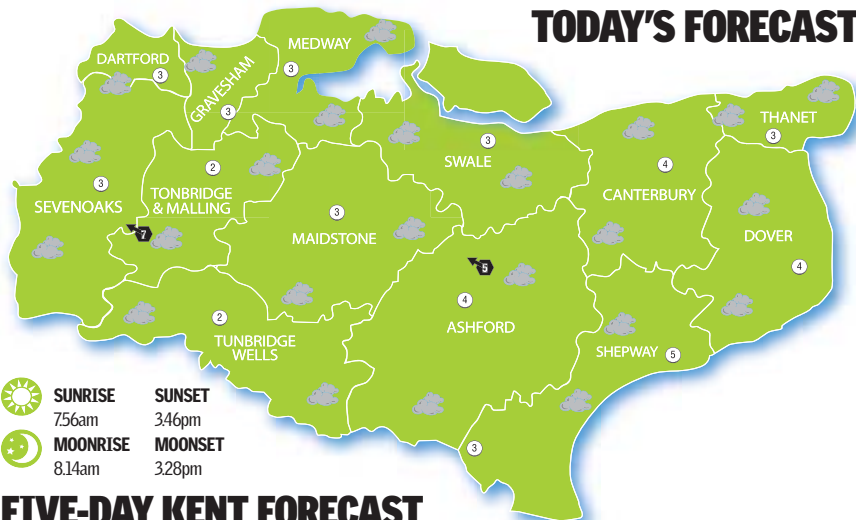
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Chatham	Saturday	2:25pm	5.7m
	Sunday	3:00pm	5.6m
Dover	Saturday	12:37pm	6.2m
	Sunday	1:12pm	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:32pm	7.1m
	Sunday	1:07pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:07pm	4.8m
	Sunday	1:42pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:15pm	5.5m
	Sunday	2:50pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:24pm	5.0m
	Sunday	2:56pm	4.9m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	-2°C	Madrid	6°C
Athens	14°C	New York	4°C
Barcelona	7°C	Paris	1°C
Beijing	1°C	Rome	9°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	21°C
Cape Town	31°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	10°C
Cibraltar	10°C	Vancouver	0°C
Hong Kong	22°C	Warsaw	-2°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	19°C

## Boost for fuel-saving exploits at university

TECHNOLOGY aimed at cutting motoring fuel costs and emissions has been aided by a new appointment at Canterbury-based Oil Drum.

The firm, created at the University of Kent at Canterbury in collaboration with GSE Haulage, produces the patented Save-Fuel system.

This compact device can be retro-fitted to trucks and buses and, driven by the vehicle's engine, produces hydrogen for adding to normal fuel combustion.

The resulting boost to efficiency is not only claimed to reduce fuel consumption by more than 10 per cent, but also slash CO2 and hydrocarbon emissions to zero – a powerful weapon in the battle against greenhouse gases and global warming.

The company now wants to miniaturise the system for cars and has appointed Gert De Kock, 29, to head the research team.

"The current version of the Save-Fuel system runs on a 24-volt system and when you come to fit it to HGVs, coaches or buses you have plenty of room to work with," he said.

"To be fitted to light vans and cars the system will have to work on 12 volts and we will have much less room to work with when it comes to fitting the system into the vehicles.

"We will need to redesign the unit so it can fit smaller spaces and scale down the components to achieve what is going to be the biggest challenge."

A graduate in engineering, Gert studied at the University of Greenwich and at Canterbury College where he also won the prestigious High Sheriff's Award for his final year project on hydrogen technology.



**HEAD OF RESEARCH:**  
Gert De Kock

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Canterbury	3°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C	Maidstone	4°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	3°C
Chatham	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C	Ramsgate	3°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C
Dartford	4°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	4°C	Rochester	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Dover	3°C	4°C	5°C	3°C	4°C	Sevenoaks	3°C	2°C	3°C	2°C	2°C
Faversham	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C	Sittingbourne	4°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Folkestone	3°C	4°C	5°C	3°C	4°C	Tonbridge	4°C	3°C	4°C	3°C	3°C
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Monday 15th	Dickens World	£16.00
Thursday 18th	Boulogne & Nausicaa	£25.00
Saturday 20th	Disneyland, Paris	£67.50
Wednesday 24th	Brick Lane Music Hall	£37.50

### March

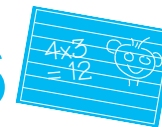
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## BREAK TIME

### Winner Thomas keeps on trucking

A CANTERBURY-based mechanic has beaten other hopefuls to win DAF Truck's national third-year apprentice of the year.

Twenty-year-old Thomas Busby battled nine other competitors in a series of tasks judged by industry assessors.

Thomas received prizes and a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony in Bristol.

Thomas said: "I'm delighted to have won and really pleased my hard work and determination paid off."

DAF's after sales manager Tony Shepherd said: "We're extremely pleased Thomas Busby has won. His achievement signals a bright future with DAF Trucks."

### Student DJs win second radio award

CANTERBURY'S student radio station has won its second national award for its coverage of the Lounge on the Farm festival.

Canterbury Student Radio won a silver award for the Best Live Outside Broadcast.

Representatives were given the prize at an awards ceremony presented by Radio 1 DJs Scott Mills and Fearne Cotton.

The station, which is run by students from the University of Kent and Christ Church University, had to set up a temporary studio in a dilapidated pig shed on the festival site to cover the event.

# Academy students give old friends lunch to remember

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

PENSIONERS in Hersden were able to enjoy a Christmas buffet thanks to Spires Academy students.

Pupils from Year 11 took members of the Hersden Neighbourhood Centre Luncheon Club on a tour of their school.

They also gave them free raffle tickets to win a Christmas hamper full of festive food, including a Christmas pudding, biscuits and cake. There were also other prizes for runners-up, including luxury chocolate.

The 14- to 16-year-olds organised the day out after visiting the Hersden centre as part of a health and social care studies qualification. They enjoyed themselves so much they asked the pensioners to visit their school.

Spires student Claire Moody-Smith, 16, said: "The event has been great and I think it's good for younger people to meet the elderly as they can understand them more and think about how they can help them."

The pupils also organised a game of bingo for their venerable guests, and designed and made the game cards themselves. They also gave the Hersden pensioners handmade Christmas cards.

Clara Haley is an octogenarian member of the Hersden lunch club and former pupil of Sturry Central School, which became the Spires Academy.

She said: "I left this school 70 years ago and it was lovely to see my old classroom. I really have enjoyed meeting the students and it's



**OUT TO LUNCH:** Students from Spires Academy serve Christmas nibbles to members of the Hersden luncheon club

nice for the young and old to meet.

"The buffet has been marvellous and I've enjoyed the bingo, especially as I've won lots of prizes!"

Siobhan Hamilton, head of health and social care at the Academy, said: "The students spent

a great deal of time thinking about what sort of activities the pensioners would enjoy and the type of food they would like.

"They have all really enjoyed the occasion and look forward to keeping up the contact with the members of the luncheon club."

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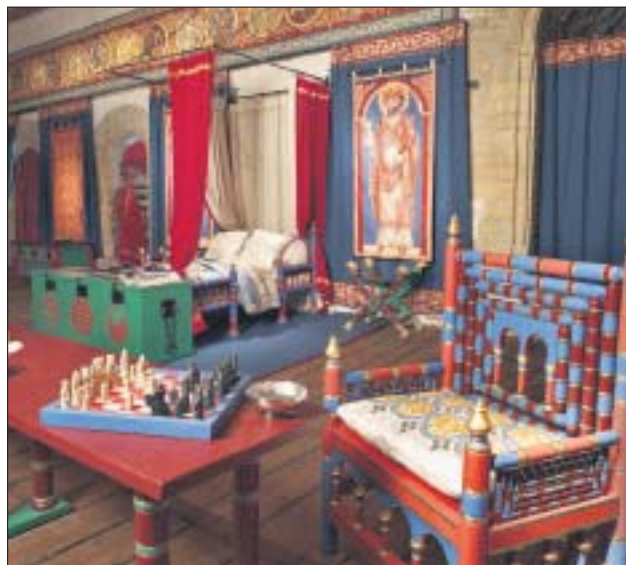
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To celebrate, we've teamed up with English Heritage to offer SEVEN families a FREE day out at a colourful event just after Christmas. Our top prize winner will get free entry and be treated like royalty with a two course meal served by King Henry II whilst a troubadour entertains them!

This weekend King Henry II's court will turn topsy-turvy during Lord of Misrule – when a visitor is crowned Christmas King to preside over a host of medieval festive revelries.

After Christmas, the king will be recruiting for bold young knights to serve him in Twelfth Knight, when chivalrous boys and girls will undergo knightly training.

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## Music students work with university's latest signings

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FOUR new up-and-coming acts have been added to a Kent university's in-house music label.

Da Mushrooms, DaylightSaving, Banu and The Mop Collective have all been added to Canterbury Christ Church's C3U Records stable. The quartet of bright young things will be unleashed on the world's music scene next year, with their debut records released in February.

These downloadable tracks will be accompanied by a tour of university campuses and London venues.

C3U Records was set up by composer Ethan Lewis Maltby and the CCC's Julia Jones as a way to promote up-and-coming acts and artists in the South East.

It offers acts assistance in all aspects of the recording industry process, including managing, recording and releasing the product both digitally and physically.

The company also has many contacts in retail stores, radio stations and clubs to help with publicity and sales.

Day-to-day running of the label is left to the commercial music and music industry management students as part of their degree studies.

Artists record and perform at the studios, with third-year production students helping to give the recordings a professional sound.

Ethan Maltby said: "We have a tremendous roster of artists this year, covering a wide range of musical genres. These are highly creative acts with exciting live shows, from experienced musicians.



"It's great to see such collaboration between the students. The artists bring students in to perform on the recording, which is carried out by production students, before the finished product is marketed by the Music Industry Management students.

"It all comes together to give an insight into the various processes of a record label."

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### THE BANDS

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SIGNINGS: The Mop Collective, above, and Banu



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This hard-working entertainer is  
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his efforts have won him countless  
fans and an unrelenting demand for  
tickets to his live shows. But he start-  
ed out as a carpenter and it was only  
when the 18-year-old Jethro – whose  
real name is Jeffrey Rowe – joined  
the local operatic society that his  
career in show business began.

Discovering that he could hold a  
tune, he began to play guitar and  
sing songs in local pubs. Yet it was a  
night when his singing voice dried up  
that Jethro unwittingly stumbled  
across his vocation.

When he decided to tell a few funny  
stories instead, the reaction was  
immediate and the following week he  
had a large audience, all eager to  
hear some jokes.

It took many years of working on  
the club circuit during the 70s and  
80s before Jethro finally hit the big  
time. His hugely successful appear-  
ances on the Des O'Connor Tonight  
show won him legions of fans, includ-  
ing many older people, which is quite  
surprising given the near-the-knuckle  
nature of much of his material.

Speaking to KOS Media in 2007,  
Jethro said he believed his strong fol-  
lowing among the older generation  
was down to his comic judgement.

"There are some things I don't



touch, like religion, because it's not  
funny and I don't need to," he said.

"There's a line that I don't cross. I'm  
probably the biggest draw for old  
ladies in England. I'm too blue really,  
though they think I'm just accept-  
able. They're a bit dubious at first,  
but when they realise I won't go any

further, they love it. It's lovely to see  
old ladies laugh."

Jethro can be seen at the Assembly  
Hall in Tunbridge Wells on January  
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The six-piece band from London started out as a group of lads who shared a love of hot jive, rock 'n' roll and big band swing – in short, anything that had beat, energy and fun.

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## MUSICA PER LA NOTTE DI NATALE

Friday, December 18  
St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury

THE Festival Chamber Concerts series draws to a close with a performance of some spectacular music.

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Crowther will play Gabriel's Oboe, a wonderful piece by Ennio Morricone, which was written as part of the score for The Mission, a film starring Jeremy Irons.

Sections from Handel's Messiah will be performed by Kathryn Jenkin, whose career to date has included a variety of concert, operatic, recital and recording work. Jenkin has visited Canterbury before to perform Haydn's Nelson Mass with the Choral Society.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced from £4 to £12 from Crowther's of Canterbury on 01227 763965 or online at [www.crowthersofcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.crowthersofcanterbury.co.uk).



## ELVIS AT CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 18  
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King became an Elvis fan when he saw the film Roustabout as a small child and began to impersonate the singer's voice very early on. He has developed an act that channels that passion into bringing Elvis's music to audiences everywhere.

"To me, Elvis was the



greatest performer and vocalist of the last century and I constantly strive for perfection when I perform his songs," he said.

Take a musical journey through Presley's career from the early rock 'n' roll

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A four-course meal is available in time for Christmas, running from December 1 to 24. This includes a starter, main course, dessert, coffee and mints.

A fine selection of beers, including Batemans XB, Moorhouses Blonde Witch and Flowers IPA, complements the food.

The pub has is located on the edge of Stelling Minnis Common, which is one of the



few remaining unclosed commons in the South East and popular with walkers

The restaurant design allows for a warm and friendly setting with a log fire for winter.

Pool and darts are played in the bar area and the pub is open every day, from 10am until 12.15am Sundays to Thursdays and 1.15am on Fridays and Saturdays.

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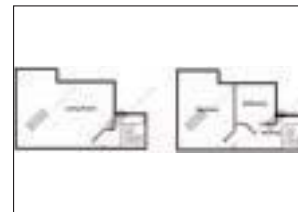


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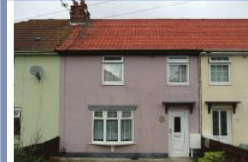




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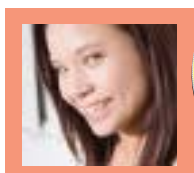
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**CALL ME!** Single mum, 35, 5ft, blonde hair, seeking a good honest gentleman with decent values and a positive outlook for a lasting relationship. York. Box 461168

**WHO KNOWS?** Single mum, 35, looking for a single dad to share some time with, maybe it could be something lasting? I like cooking, socialising, outdoors. York. Box 868730

**GET THE PHONE** Quite attractive female, 36, 5'1", average build, blonde, enjoys live music, pub quizzes & holidays, seeks tall, dark-haired male, for all this & more. York. Box 721088

**SOUND GOOD?** Fun-loving female, 36, 5'4", medium build, sporty, shy, likes dogs, looking for male company. Bradford. Box 460660

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**HOLD MY HAND** Shy lady, 35, 5ft5, dark hair and eyes, single, likes going out, pictures, music and more, seeks similar male for hopeful romance. Box 457149

**HEELS & WELLIES** Honest, independent female, 37, 5'7", blonde, attractive, n/s, likes meals out, walks, country pubs, wine bars, seeks like minded male for relationship. Maltton Box 762305

**SHOW ME HEAVEN** Brunette, 37, green eyes, likes socialising and meals in quiet pubs, WLTm a kind and caring man, 37-45. Leeds. Box 869944

**COUNTRY LOVER** Hi, I'm an attractive, intelligent woman, with a wicked sense of humour. I'm 38, 5ft7, dark hair/blue eyes, and live in Bishop Auckland. Box 453919

**A LADY TO LOVE** Yorkshire lass, 40, a mum, blonde with blue eyes, 5ft5, medium build, loves swimming, eating out and dancing, WLTm genuine fun-loving male. Box 452268

## HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Bubbly lady, 39, 5ft2, medium length blonde hair/blue eyes, slim, very GSOH, loves DVDs, cinema and all music; seeks likewise male for good times...Bishop Auckland. Box 460683

**TWO TO TANGO** Well travelled, smart, sprightly mum of one, 42, 5ft11, dark hair with blue eyes, hard working woman, looking for a independent, tall, like minded man. Selby. Box 459923

**RECIPE FOR LOVE** County Durham female, 42, medium build, glasses, blonde hair. I'm a widow and would like to meet a genuine man. I enjoy cooking, swimming, shopping. Box 461220

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**SHALL WE BE SOCIAL?** Slim female, 45, 5'10", blonde, enjoys dog walks, car boots, meals out & socialising, seeks male 6+, similar interests, for friendship maybe more. York. Box 972442

**BY MY SIDE** Brunette, medium build, brown eyes. I'm a 44yr old woman and enjoy going out, nights in, line dancing and socialising. Bradford based. Box 457198

**FOR GOOD SHY** lady, 44, gosh, likes line dancing, cinema and socialising, looking for a man with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Bradford Box 457536

**MAKE A MOVE** Hello I'm a lady in darlington county Durham. I like dancing and music looking for a fun man that has the right moves. Box 457867

**BE YOURSELF** Blonde woman, 46, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, holidays, cosy nights in, looking for an honest, fun and genuine male. York. Box 461391

**MOVE OVER, DARLING** Recently divorced female (not bitter!), 47, loves animals, walks and more, seeks male with GSOH who's genuine and up for love. Darlington. Box 460428

**HOPING 4 YOU** Sincere, caring female, 47, own home, loves indoor sports and the outdoors, seeks decent fella, to share quality time, laughter and perhaps romance. Box 456219

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**WITHOUT YOU** Divorced woman, 48, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes reading, walking, music, nights in and out, seeks caring, honest male for friendship and more. Box 927648

**R U THE 1 A ME?** Bubbly but a little bit shy woman, 49, likes socialising, eating out, concerts, cinema, looking for a male to get to know better. Halifax. Box 457378

**GENUINE AND SINCERE?** Hi, I'm Anne, 49, brown eyes and dark hair, slim, hard working, likes socialising, pubs, love dancing; WLTm someone to enjoy a meal and whom...York. Box 456448

**A WHOLE NEW WORLD** Cuddly brunette, 50, 5ft7, gosh, likes walking, dog owner, loves music, looking for a happy man with gosh to start again with. Darlington. Box 871616

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**LET'S TALK** Slim attractive female, 51, 5'5, Honest, loyal and caring. Lives in Darlington. Smoker. Loves music, films, reading and holidays. Looking for friendship and possible LTR. Box 872620

**SEEKING SOUL MATE** Seeking a single man, caring, honest and romantic. I enjoy holidays abroad, eating out. I'm very laid back woman (52), and looking for similar. Bradford. Box 873033

**THIS WAY...** Attractive female, 51, 5ft10, brunette, medium build, very GSOH, loves music, stand-up comedy, music, cinema and dogs! Seeks like-minded tall males for friendship/relationship. Newton Aycliffe. Box 462866

**FROM ME TO YOU** Loving sharing lady, 51, 5ft3, long dark hair, likes most things in life, WLTm someone special to enjoy life and fun with. Selby. Box 456493

**GOSH!** Lovely lady, 51, very young outgoing, positive, bubbly, short bobbed hair, attractive, very GSOH, loves getting out and about, seeks likewise tall male for companionship. Box 457315

**MY MIND ON YOU** Bubbly lady, 51, 5ft6, blonde, slim, looking to meet a guy who likes travel and meals out for initial friendship and then more. Bradford. Box 459834

**ZEST FOR LIFE** Slim female, 52, blonde, loves walking, keeping fit, lovely holidays, dining out, seeking a trusting, affectionate, and caring male. Box 461613

**SHOW YOU CARE** Honest, caring female, 54, slim build, blonde, N/S, GSOH, likes the countryside & animals, seeks tall, caring guy, for nights in & out. Darlington. Box 467547

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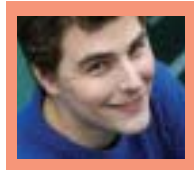
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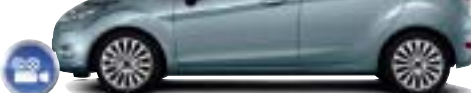
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OUTSIDERS: Herne Bay United ready for round two

## Bay confident they can claim European victory

HERNE Bay United are targeting a fast start as they go in search of an unlikely victory in their CERS Cup tie with AFP Giovinezza on Saturday.

The Italian side lead 10-0 after the first leg last month and will arrive this weekend confident of progressing into round two.

Head coach Phil McVey admits his side face a mountain to climb to go through but believes the key will be in seizing the initiative in the opening exchanges.

He said: "You have to earn the right to play in Europe. Unfortunately we started slowly in the first game and they were able to put

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us on the back foot. We need to start strongly to get their respect and then we can push them back.

"I'm confident we can win the game, but whether we can score enough goals to go through overall is a big ask. Hopefully they're a little complacent and we are right on our game, you never know what could happen."

The English champions go into the game in slightly patchy form after losing their 100 per cent league record earlier this month.

They very nearly lost at Bury, but a goal from Neil Austin 16 seconds from time rescued a 5-5 draw.

United are expecting a full house for Saturday's game, with doors open from 5pm to allow fans to skate at the Pier before the main event.

The club were hit at the weekend by the resignation of Ken Pughe, the coach of second team HBU CSL. He and the squad's players have left to join a new club, RHC Invicta, in Faversham, although United are optimistic they will be able to field a second team in the Premier League for the rest of the season.

## Cray no match for makeshift City side

### Canterbury City 4 Cray Valley 0

CANTERBURY City climbed to sixth in the Kent County League Premier Division following an emphatic victory over a Cray side who did themselves no favours by their erratic defending.

Manager Dave Fairclough had several regulars unavailable, but the makeshift team were more than a match for the struggling visitors.

Cray might have taken the lead on 17 minutes as City had trouble clearing their lines, but the ball did not fall kindly for the visitors.

The hosts took the lead in untidy fashion, with the ball bouncing around the penalty area. It ended with one attempted header rebounding to Nick Lingham, who nodded past the goalkeeper.

City put themselves in a more comfortable position when Read headed in Joe Smith's corner. The points were securely in the bag ten minutes later when Read's shot was blocked and fell to Royston Gough, who forced the ball over the line from close range.

City rounded off the scoring two minutes when Gough turned in Scott Lawford's cross.

Fairclough's side take on title hopefuls Hollands & Blair, who visit Hersden on Saturday.

# Cory's header gives Munday some early Christmas cheer

### FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Goldamling Town 0

### Whitstable Town 1

Cory 25

A MAKESHIFT Whitstable Town side stunned high-flying Godalming Town on Saturday to climb out of the Ryman South's relegation zone.

The Oystermen had their preparations thrown into disarray when three first-team players were held up helping a road traffic accident. In their place Whitstable handed debuts to reserve team players Dave Stubbs and Stephen Baines and the visitors went on to claim victory thanks to Dave Cory's first-half header.

Manager Mark Munday, who played the full 90 minutes, felt it was the least his side deserved.

He said: "In the light of adversity we pulled off a very good result. We created a lot of chances in the first-half and when they threw everything at us after half-time we defended well and kept them down to shots from long range.

### Dominated

"They haven't lost many games this year and we've virtually dominated them for the 90 minutes. It was very pleasing."

Whitstable slipped back into the bottom two with a midweek defeat at fellow strugglers Chipstead and few expected them to get anything from their trip to promotion-chasing Godalming.

Their prospects looked even bleaker when they lost three players on the day of the game. Stuart Vahid, Dan Wisker and Dan Dolton were on their way to meet up with the rest of the squad when they witnessed an accident and stopped to help. By the time they had spoken to the police it was too late to catch up and they returned home.

Munday said: "It shows what all round good guys they are that they put any thoughts of their game to one side to help out. Quite honestly their minds weren't going to be right after witnessing such an accident."

Even with calling up Stubbs and Baines there were only 11 players available, so Munday started himself in midfield.

Despite the problems Whitstable began well and got their reward midway through the half. A Clint Gooding free-kick was head-



**SHOCK:** Dave Cory (top) sparked celebrations as his goal proved enough to give an unfamiliar-looking Whitstable Town a surprise win at Godalming on Saturday

### Whitstable starting XI



Subs used: Cornhill (Stubbs 70)

ed back across goal by Sam Denly for Cory to head in from close range.

The goal rocked Godalming, who might

have been further adrift before the break without several smart saves from their goalkeeper.

The hosts threw ever more resources into attack as the second-half developed, but could not find a way through. The closest they came was a long range effort which clipped the top of the crossbar.

Whitstable threatened on the break but could not find the second goal to completely kill the game off. They held on regardless and closed out the game to move a point clear of the bottom two.

The challenge now is to reproduce their performance more consistently, starting at home to Burgess Hill Town on Saturday.

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# Kent making strides in search for new bowlers

## CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT are in "advanced talks" with an overseas fast bowler for the first half of the season and an international spinner for the second, with head coach Paul Farbrace hopeful they may sign before Christmas.

With Ryan McLaren and Martin Sadders departing at the end of last season, Kent have been scouring the market for bowlers to boost their squad for a return to Division One of the County Championship.

Farbrace, who has taken over the reigns from Graham Ford as head coach, confirmed that neither McLaren or Wayne Parnell, who both played at Canterbury last season, would be returning as overseas players. The former Sri Lanka assistant coach, together with skipper Rob Key and coach Simon Willis, has identified two overseas bowlers he wants for next season, and is hopeful they may sign in the next couple of weeks, and they will share the county season.

"We have talked to about four or five different bowlers about coming to join us next year and we are at a stage where we are in advanced talks with two as overseas players," Farbrace said. "The focus has been 100 per cent on bowlers and that focus is on a seam



**NO RETURN:** Kent abandoned any hope of re-signing Justin Kemp after it became clear he was ineligible under the Kolpak system

Picture ADY KERRY

bowler for the first half of the season and a spinner for the second half."

While Kent look to be nearing their first major signings of the winter, Farbrace also

revealed that the club are hoping to attract another two bowlers to the county, to add to their overseas targets.

"I would like to think we are not too far away from the two overseas players, but we have another couple of bowling options that we are exploring," he said. "We have had discussions with two other bowlers who wouldn't be overseas and are not Kolpaks and we'll see where we get with those two."

"With the overseas split into two, we probably need at least another seamer, possibly two and that's what we are working towards."

Farbrace also confirmed that South African Justin Kemp will not be returning to the club next summer, but moved to correct reports that Kent had looked at signing him as an overseas player.

Kemp was hopeful of making a return to St Lawrence, but new regulations in regards to Kolpak players means that Kent have had to pursue other options for 2010.

Farbrace said: "We were talking to [Kemp] about coming back as a Kolpak and I had a discussion with him at the end of the season and then it was clarified that he doesn't qualify as a Kolpak player because he hasn't had a work permit for four consecutive years. As a result, once we realised that, I told him we wouldn't be pursuing him for 2010."

"He isn't an option as an overseas and never has been an option as an overseas player. I've seen his and Ryan McLaren's name linked with us as overseas options but that's not something we have ever talked about."

## FOOTBALL



Picture Iain KIRKUP

**ASSIST:** Danny Lawrence laid on Herne Bay's winner

## Jenner's free-kick lights up trophy tie

### Tunbridge Wells 1 Herne Bay 2

A SPECTACULAR free-kick from Michael Jenner helped Herne Bay come from behind to beat Tunbridge Wells in the Kent Senior Trophy.

Sloppy defending allowed the home side to take a lead before half-time, but Jenner's long range set piece and a goal from substitute James Turner saw Bay through to the last eight.

Manager Simon Halsey was pleased with the overall performance but raved about the quality of Jenner's free-kick.

He said: "It was some effort, at least ten yards outside the penalty area. Dan Lawrence was there as well but the way they set their wall up suited Michael and he struck it beautifully. I don't think the goalkeeper moved until the ball was past him."

With the weather accounting for their previous two fixtures, Bay were playing their first game in a fortnight. Neil Perkins came in for the suspended Jamie Maxted in the only enforced change to the 4-0 win at Erith & Belvedere.

Overnight rain made conditions heavy underfoot but the Culverden Stadium pitch did not cut up as much as first feared, which helped both sides.

The hosts, who came into the game in good form, took the lead midway through the first half. Benji Agana made the most of indecision in Bay's defence to fire Wells in front, a lead they held at the break.

Jenner's free-kick levelled the scores a minute after the resumption and Bay went on to enjoy a good spell. Skipper Luke Harvey limped off with a thigh strain but Turner, his replacement, netted the winner 18 minutes from time when he converted Lawrence's cross.

Bay will meet Holmesdale at Winch's Field in the quarter-finals next month. The two teams will get a dress rehearsal of the game this Saturday when Halsey's team visit the Bromley-based club this Saturday.

## LEAGUE TABLES

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	20	14	5	1	+18	47
2 Worthing	21	14	2	5	+19	43
3 Godalming Town	19	12	4	5	+15	38
4 Walton & Hersham	18	11	4	5	+8	37
5 Croydon Athletic	18	10	5	3	+21	35
6 Fleet Town	19	10	2	7	+11	32
7 Ramsgate	19	9	4	6	+7	31
8 Chatham Town	21	9	3	9	-2	30
9 Merstham	19	8	5	6	+1	29
10 Dulwich Hamlet	20	6	8	6	0	26
11 Sittingbourne	17	7	4	6	+3	25
12 Leatherhead	17	7	3	7	+5	24
13 Burgess Hill Town	17	7	3	7	0	24
14 Corinthian-Casuals	20	7	3	10	-4	24
15 Whyteleafe	20	7	2	11	+1	23
16 Metropolitan Police	19	5	7	7	+4	22
17 Walton Casuals	19	5	4	10	-8	19
18 Horsham YMCA	19	4	7	8	-13	19
19 Chipstead	19	4	4	11	-16	16
20 Whitstable Town	20	5	1	14	-27	16
21 Eastbourne Town	20	3	6	11	-14	15
22 Ashford Town	17	2	5	10	-29	11

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	14	11	2	1	+25	35
2 Herne Bay	12	8	1	3	+10	25
3 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
4 Erith & Belvedere	13	8	0	5	+2	24
5 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	+16	19
6 Beckenham Town	12	6	1	5	+8	19
7 Tunbridge Wells	14	4	7	3	+3	19
8 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
9 Greenwich Borough	13	5	3	5	-1	18
10 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	-4	16
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	13	4	3	6	-13	15
12 Norton Sports	11	4	1	6	-2	13
13 Holmesdale	13	4	1	8	-5	13
14 Fisher	16	3	3	10	-18	12
15 Corinthian	12	2	3	7	-13	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

### KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Stansfeld O&B Club	16	11	3	2	+15	36
2 Hollands & Blair	15	9	4	2	+16	31
3 Phoenix Sports	12	8	2	2	+11	26
4 Fleet Leisure	13	7	4	2	+10	25
5 Sutton Athletic	13	7	3	3	+8	24
6 Canterbury City	14	7	1	6	+6	22
7 Rusthall	14	7	1	6	+5	22
8 Snodland	14	6	4	4	+3	22
9 Bly Spartans	14	7	1	6	+2	22
10 Bearsted	13	4	5	4	0	17
11 Tonbridge Invicta	14	3	4	7	-6	13
12 Lewisham Borough	16	4	1	11	-15	13
13 Coney Hall	13	4	0	9	-8	12
14 Orpington	15	3	3	9	-16	12
15 Cray Valley (PM)	13	3	1	9	-4	10
16 Milton & Fulston Utd	15	3	1	11	-27	10

**FIXTURES (Saturday):** Ryman Division One South: Whitstable Town v Burgess Hill Town; Kent League Premier Division: Holmesdale v Herne Bay; Kent County League Premier Division: Canterbury City v Hollands & Blair (2pm)



Picture ADY KERRY

**PROMISING:** Canterbury ladies won three out of four games in their group in the Indoor Hockey League

## Semi-final still on for ladies

CANTERBURY ladies recovered from losing their opening game to stay in the hunt for a place in the Indoor Hockey League semi-finals next month.

Mel Clewlow's side finished the first batch of group games third overall and in good shape to reach the last four for the second successive year.

Canterbury, who have had a disappointing first half of the outdoor season, got their indoor campaign off to a flat start as they lost their opening game. Newly-promoted Leicester settled quickest in Eastleigh and ran out 9-4 winners.

But Canterbury responded well to the setback and came through a tight second game on Saturday against Ipswich to win 3-2. Sunday's games got off to a good start with a 6-2 victory against a weak Clifton ladies,

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before finishing off with a 5-2 win against Chelmsford.

It left Canterbury third at the halfway stage of the competition ahead of the final set of four group games next month. Last season they finished top of the table and although with Slough claiming maximum points the odds are against them repeating the feat, there is every chance of a top-four finish to progress to the semi-finals.

Elsewhere, Natalie Seymour made her Great Britain debut in trying circumstances against Argentina on Saturday. The 23-year-old started the first game in the five Test series, which ends on Friday, but the home side proved too strong in a 5-1 win.

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